

Springfield Hospital Center

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

PURPOSE

The Citizen's Advisory Board of Springfield Hospital Center serves as a forum for discussion on the current issues facing the health care industry and their affect on the services that Springfield provides. Serving in an advisory capacity to the Hospital, the Board advises the administration on goals, programs, policies, budget, and other issues.

The Citizen's Advisory Board consists of seven members who are appointed by the Governor of Maryland. Board members assume leadership in developing community understanding of the needs of the mentally ill. The Board submits an annual report to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

MEMBERS

The Board members reflect the composition of the community they collectively serve. At least two members shall be parents or relatives of patients or former patients of Springfield Hospital Center, and each of the other Board members shall be individuals who have been noted for their interest in civic and public affairs and who have expressed an interest in the care of mentally ill individuals or generally in mental health.

The term of membership is four years. Members of each Board elect a chairperson and other officers they consider necessary. Each Board meets at least four times a year. Board members do not receive compensation for this service.